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SUBJ: TEXT OF BULLETIN STORY ON FRASER HEARINGS

FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF STORY ON FRASER HEARINGS WHICH
APPEARED ON FRONT-PAGE OF BULLETIN TODAY JUNE 21.

BEGIN TEXT: FORMER PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED
STATES AMELITO MUTUC HAS CAUTIONED THE US TO EXERCISE "CARE
AND PRUDENCE" IN ACTING ON AGITATIONS BY ANTI-MARCOS ELEMENTS
TO STOP ALL AID TO THE PHILIPPINES.

MUTUC, A DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE
LAW CENTER BASED IN DALLAS, TEXAS, AIRED THE CALL FOR RESTRAINT
AT A HEARING OF THE US HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN WASH., D.C.

THE LEGISLATIVE BODY, CHAIRED BY REP. DONALD FRASER, HAS
BEEN LOOKING INTO THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MUTUC ANSWERED THE CLAIMS OF A FILIPINO-AMERICAN
GROUP SEEKING TO STOP US AID TO THE PHILIPPINES THAT (SIC)
HUMAN RIGHTS WERE BEING REPRESSED BY THE MARTIAL LAW
ADMINISTRATION.

"SUCH CASES ARE ISOLATED," MUTUC SAID, ADDING THAT
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THE SUPREME COURT WAS ALWAYS READY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS

OF THE CITIZENRY AND PREVENT ABUSE OF POWER.

THE FORMER ENVOY POINTED OUT THAT DETAINED PERSONS
BEING CHARGED WERE ENTITLED TO COUNSEL.

"MARTIAL LAW WAS PROCLAIMED UNDER THE OLD PHILIPPINE
CONSTITUTION, UPHELD BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND APPROVED
IN TWO REFERENDUMS BY THE SOVEREIGN PEOPLE," MUTUC STRESSED.

MUTUC ASKED FOR "CARE AND PRUDENCE" ON THE PART OF THE
US GOVERNMENT IN CONSIDERING ANY MOVE TO STOP AID TO THE
PHILIPPINES BECAUSE IT WOULD MEAN "PASSING JUDGMENT ON
A REGIME WHICH ENJOYS TREMENDOUS POPULAR SUPPORT."

ONE TIME MANILA NEWSPAPERMAN PRIMITIVO MIJARES AND
GERALD HILL, A LAWYER FOR THE LOPEZES, ALSO TESTIFIED.

THE HEARINGS BEGAN JUNE 3 WITH THE FOLLOWING APPEAR-
ING: FORMER E.J. RAUL MANGLAPUS, EDWARD MORRIS, FORMER
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE HABERSON ALVAREZ, AND
FATHERS PAUL WILSON, JOHN O'HARE, AND BRUNO HPUKS. ALL
SIX ADVOCATED THE TERMINATION OF AMERICAN AID TO THE
PHILIPPINES. END TEXT
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